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SUBJECT: ACADEMIC YEAR 2006/2007 FULBRIGHT EGYPTIAN
STUDENT PROGRAM

1. CECEUS/E received 147 applications from Cairo-based and regional universities, government and private organizations, for academic year 2006/2007 Egyptian Student Program (5 in accounting, 6 in archeology, 31 in fine and performing arts, 6 in business administration, 1 in computer supervision, 2 in development, 1 in drug abuse, 9 in economics, 11 in education, 2 in Egyptology, 2 in finance, 2 in gender studies, 1 in geography, 3 in history, 2 in human rights, 9 in law, 4 in library and information science, 10 in linguistics, 7 in literature, one in marketing, 5 in mass communication, 7 in political science, 2 in psychology, 5 in sociology/anthropology/refugee studies, 2 in statistics, 5 in TEFL, 3 in tourism and hotel management, 2 in translation, and 1 in urban design).

2. After a merit-based review conducted by specialists in the candidates' fields of specialization, 103 candidates were deemed eligible for interviews. Ten binational selection committees, including at least one professor in the field of specialization and a Post representative, interviewed the candidates. Criteria for selection included: seriousness of purpose; leadership potential; knowledge of field of specialization; potential impact of the M.A./Ph.D. topic on the field of the applicant in Egypt; and English language proficiency. The interviewing committees recommended 24 candidates to be considered by the final selection committee.

3. On October 12, the Board as a final selection committee reviewed and discussed the 24 candidates. It was attended by the following board members: Dr. Ali Abdel Rahman Youssef, President, Cairo University and Chairman of the Board; Dr. Abbas Ali Metwali El Hefnawi, President, Menoufeya University, Dr. Abdallah Barakat, Secretary General, Supreme Council of Universities, Dr. Ahmed Bahaa El Din Khairy, First Under Secretary for Cultural Relations and Missions, Ministry of Higher Education; Mr. Anthony Vance, Associate Mission Director, USAID, Ms. Elizabeth Thornhill, Cultural Affairs Officer, American Embassy; and Mr. Thomas Thomson, Vice President and Country Executive, Sidikrir Project. They recommended 19 principal and 5 alternate candidates.

4. Total funds required to fund all 19 principal candidates are USD 537,464.00. Total available funds for academic year 2006/2007 Egyptian Student Program are USD 322,000.00. The Commission requests additional funds of USD 215,000.00 to fund all nineteen principal candidates. The grant benefits are as follows: monthly allowance based on USG maintenance rates for students as published by IIE; settling-in allowance of USD 500; research allowance of USD 750; cultural allowance of USD 500; excess baggage allowance of USD 400; round-trip international travel ticket; accident and sickness coverage through Department of State accident and sickness program for exchange; and contribution to tuition fees of USD 15,000 for degree students and USD 5000 for arts students. This grant does not cover costs for dependents.

5. AY 2006/2007 principal candidates in alphabetical order are as follows:

A. Mr. Ahmad Hamid M. Abbas, Lecturer in Art, Architecture and Interior Design, Performing and Visual Arts Department, the American University in Cairo. He seeks to pursue an M.A. degree in Design/Art approach to industrial, product and interior design or interior architecture (Degree grant).

B. Mr. Ahmed M. A. El Gody, Senior Lecturer and Director, Media Lab, Faculty of Mass Communication, Modern Science and Arts University. He seeks to conduct research and collect data related to his Ph.D. thesis in the field of Journalism (Non-degree grant).

C. Ms. Asmaa Kamel Shehata, Teacher of English, As-Salam

College Language School. She seeks to pursue an M.A. degree in Education (Degree grant).

1D. Ms. Ayah M. Sameh El Said, Researcher Analyst, Egyptian Center for Economic Studies. She seeks to pursue an M.A. degree in Economics/International Macroeconomics/International Finance (Degree grant).

1E. Ms. Azza Anwar Raslan, Attorney at Law, Al Ezz Group. She seeks to pursue an L.L.M. in Anti-Trust Law (Degree grant).

1F. Mr. Bassem M. Abbas, Trombone Player, Cairo Opera House. He seeks to conduct field research and take master classes in Music/Trombone (Arts grant).

1G. Ms. Eman I. Gawish, Teacher of English, Nursery Department, Kaumeya Language School. She seeks to pursue her M.A. in Early Childhood Education (Degree grant).

1H. Mr. Hazem Gamal A. Shebl, Technical Director, Performing and Visual Arts Department, the American University in Cairo. He seeks to conduct field research and take master classes in Performing/Visual Arts (Arts grant).

1I. Ms. Iman A. Y. El Ayouty, Teaching Assistant, The Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport. She seeks to conduct research and collect data related to her Ph.D. thesis in Economics (Non-degree grant).

1J. Mr. Kamal Kamal El Gazzar, Cataloguer, System Support Librarian, Library of Modern Science and Arts University. He seeks to conduct research and collect data related to his M.A. thesis in Library and Information Science Non-degree grant).

1K. Ms. Miray Magdi K. Zaki, Systems Analyst, Linkdotnet. She seeks to pursue an MBA degree in International Business and Finance) (Degree grant).

1L. Mr. Mohamed Abdel Halim, Assistant Director, The Egyptian Small And Micro-Enterprise Association. He seeks to pursue an MBA in Medium, Small and Micro Enterprise (Degree grant).

1M. Ms. Noha Gamal Said, Assistant Lecturer, Faculty of Engineering, Ain Shams University. She seeks to conduct research and collect data related to her Ph.D. thesis in the field of Urban Design (Non-degree grant).

1N. Mr. Omar M. Nour Farahat, Associate, Baker and McKenzie Law Firm. He seeks to pursue an L.L.M. degree in Business Law (Degree grant).

1O. Ms. Radwa M. Badran, Teaching Assistant, Faculty of Commerce, Tanta University. She seeks to conduct research and collect data related to her M.A. thesis in the field of Cost Accounting (Non-degree grant).

1P. Ms. Rehab M. Shebl Zaher, Ph.D. Researcher, Faculty of Tourism and Hotel Management, Helwan University. She seeks to conduct research and collect data related to her Ph.D. thesis in the field of Tourism Studies (Non-degree grant).

1Q. Mr. Said A. Hassan, Conservator of Antiquities, Supreme Council of Antiquities. He seeks to conduct research and collect data related to his M.A. thesis in Conservation of Antiquities (Non-degree grant).

1R. Ms. Samar Gamal Nour, Teaching Assistant, Political Science Department, the American University in Cairo. She seeks to pursue an M.A. degree in Political Science (Degree grant).

1S. Ms. Sonia Farouk Farid, Assistant Lecturer, Faculty of Arts, Cairo University. She seeks to conduct research and collect data related to her Ph.D. thesis in Hispanic-American Literature (Non-degree grant).

16. AY 2006/2007 alternate candidates in alphabetical order:

1A. Mr. Abdallah M. Kamel, Demonstrator, Faculty of Archeology, Cairo University. He seeks to conduct research and collect data related to his M.A. thesis in Restoration and Conservation of Monuments (Non-degree grant).

1B. Ms. Nermine M. Atta, Researcher, EAIS/SCA Archeology Department, Egyptian Antiques Information System. She seeks to conduct research and collect data related to her Ph.D. thesis in Egyptology (Non-degree grant).

1C. Ms. Omnia F. Abdel Wahab, Researcher, Contact Car

Trading. She seeks to pursue her MBA in Finance (Degree grant).

¶D. Dr. Rasha M. Abd El Hady, Lecturer, Faculty of Arts, Alexandria University. She seeks to conduct field research and take master classes in Ceramic Sculpture (Arts grant).

¶E. Ms. Samaa H. A. Hosney, Teaching Assistant, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University. She seeks to conduct research and collect data related to her M.A. thesis in Statistics.

¶8. CECEUS/E has forwarded copies of application forms for principal and alternate candidates to the Department of State and AMIDEAST via express mail. Passport copies and complete medical forms will follow later.

¶9. FSB approval is requested for the 24 candidates.
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